

BAKASSI PENINSULA

(Mr. CONAWAY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to draw my colleagues' attention to a situation in Africa.

President Abasanjo of Nigeria promised, as a result of a lawsuit several years ago, to withdraw Nigerian troops from the Bakassi Peninsula in the Republic of Cameroon. Today he has not done this, and it is time we see some action from Nigeria.

As the president of the African Union, President Obasanjo has an obligation to set an example for the rest of the African nations by adhering to the International Court of Justice's decision and obey the rule of law.

I call on President Abasanjo to withdraw all Nigerian troops from the Bakassi Peninsula and return the Bakassi Peninsula to its rightful owner, the fine Republic of Cameroon.

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN UNITED
AGAINST GOP ABUSE OF POWER

(Ms. SOLIS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to denounce the Republican abuse of power. Right now, the Senate Republicans are trying to jam through judicial nominations that will hurt the American people, as well as women.

Specifically, I am extremely concerned about the nomination of Janice Rogers Brown from California. Her views are out of the mainstream and out of touch with American values, and this is why: she was the only member of the California Supreme Court to find that a jury should not hear expert testimony in a domestic violence case about Battered Women Syndrome. Janice Rogers Brown was the only member of the court to oppose an effort to stop the sale of cigarettes to children. She even said that a manager could use racial slurs against his Latino employees.

Her record is clear. She does not protect the rights of workers, women, or minorities. She is so far out of the mainstream that she, in my opinion, is viewed as extreme. We cannot allow the Senate Republicans to abuse their power to jam through such extreme judicial appointments.

Our current and effective system of checks and balances protects our judicial branch. The American public must be shielded from individuals like her.

JUDICIAL NOMINEES

(Mr. BONNER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to voice my strong concern over the unconscionable and harmful stall-

ing tactics we are seeing in the confirmation process over in the other body with regard to several qualified judicial nominees.

Two in particular, Justice Janice Rogers Brown, the nominee that the gentlewoman was speaking about just a minute ago, and Judge Bill Pryor, are outstanding jurists; and I am proud that they are both natives of my home State of Alabama.

Justice Brown is a native of Luverne and the daughter of a sharecropper. She has enjoyed an extremely successful career beginning on the Third District Court of Appeals in California and continuing for the past 9 years on that State's State Supreme Court. Judge Pryor, a native of Mobile, was one of our State's finest attorneys general and served with distinction during his temporary appointment on the 11th circuit of the Court of Appeals.

Both of these individuals are experts in their field, and both of them represent the finest in legal minds anywhere in this country, and they deserve a vote.

MOURNING THE LOSS OF LANCE
CORPORAL JONATHAN GRANT

(Mr. UDALL of New Mexico asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Lance Corporal Jonathan Walter Grant.

Jonathan lived his life by always putting others first. Last Wednesday, he made the ultimate sacrifice while serving in Iraq.

Lance Corporal Grant was among the six Marines killed during combat in Operation Matador when their troop transporter rolled over a road-side bomb in the Al Anbar Province.

Just 23 years old, Jonathan lived his life always showing courage and maturity beyond his years. He was born in the Pojoaque Valley of New Mexico and raised by his grandmother, Margie Warner, whom he loved dearly. He received his General Equivalency Diploma in the year 2000 and joined the Marines in the year 2002, working the entire time to support his family and build his future.

Our heartfelt prayers and sympathies are with Jonathan's family and friends during their time of great loss. We will always remember his bravery and the sacrifice he made while serving our great Nation.

CHINA SAFEGUARD
IMPLEMENTATION

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and commend President Bush and the Committee on Implementation of Textile Agreements for recently implementing safeguards

against Chinese imports of cotton shirts, cotton trousers, and cotton and man-made fiber underwear. Since the lifting of quotas by the WTO in January, shorts, trousers, and underwear, which represent more textile jobs than any other sector in America, have been under attack due to the flood of Chinese imports currently coming into our country. This fast action will save thousands of textile jobs in this country and in my district.

However, Mr. Speaker, I was disappointed to hear the comments on the safeguard sanctions made by the spokesman for the Chinese Ministry of Commerce. He said in a statement that China believes its exports of cotton knit shirts, trousers, and man-made underwear have not disrupted the U.S. market. I think a 1,573 percent increase and a 1,277 percent increase in the first 3 months of this year constitute a market disruption. Let me repeat, those numbers are for the first 3 months of the year. Think what would happen if we did not implement the China safeguards.

The Ministry of Commerce went on to say, The U.S. decision runs counter to the World Trade Organization's agreements on trade of textile and apparel products and deviates from the WTO spirit of free trade.

I took specific note of this statement because China's idea of fair trade is government subsidies of its textile and apparel exports to the United States, currency manipulation, export tax rebates, forgiveness of loans by its government banks, and direct payments to its State-owned textile and apparel industry. Fortunately, the rest of the world does not think like the Chinese.

I applaud Secretary GUTIERREZ and his panel for helping to level the playing field for our domestic textile and manufacturing.

REPUBLICAN ABUSES OF POWER

(Mr. NADLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, 36 years ago, Republican Senator Howard Baker took to the Senate floor during a Republican-led filibuster of Abe Fortas, President Johnson's nominee to be Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Senator Baker justified the Republican filibuster by stating, "On any issue the majority, at any given moment, is not always right."

Some people might be surprised that Senate Republicans led a filibuster against a judicial nominee. After all, Senator FRIST continues to claim all judicial appointees are entitled to an up-or-down vote, no matter what. It is a disingenuous statement when he himself and other proponents of this extreme measure have used the filibuster to delay and defeat judicial nominations of the past. It is a hypocritical statement when the Republican majority in the Senate derailed and defeated 65 of President Clinton's judicial nominations without ever permitting them